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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE NATIONALIZATIONS

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED INFO TO EFFECT CONGO-BRAZZA GOVT NATIONALIZED PETROLEUM TERMINAL AND MARKETING NETWORK IN CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 12-13 FOLLOWING VISIT OF BRAZZA MIN OF FINANCE TO ALGIERS. NETWORK IS JOINTLY OWNED BY MOBIL, TEXACO, SHELL, TOTAL AND FINA AND OPERATES TWO TERMINALS (DOC AND SEPP TERMINALS WITH LATTER SERVING CAR) AS WELL AS SERVICE STATIONS IN BRAZZAVILLE. PETROLEUM IS SUPPLIED BY SOGARA REFINERY LIBREVILLE, JOINTLY OWNED BY GOG AND ABOVE OIL FIRMS. AGIP AND ELF EXPLORATORY OPERATIONS IN COUNTRY WERE EVIDENTLY NOT TOUCHED. COMPENSATION HAS BEEN PROMISED.

2. WE INFORMED THAT BRAZZAVILLE MOVE TRIGGERED BY
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INCREASE IN PRICES FROM SOGARA REFINERY IN LIBREVILLE
AND THAT AS RESULT GOVT NEGOTIATED DEAL WITH ALGERIANS

TO REPLACE SOGARA AS BRAZZA PETROLEUM SUPPLIER. WE ALSO INFORMED THAT AGIP WAS EXEMPTED FROM NATIONALIZATION DECREE, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE IT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH SOGARA REFINERY.

3. BRAZZA ACTION SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN BY MOBUTU IN MID-DECEMBER WHEN HE TOOK OVER OIL MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK, OWNED JOINTLY BY SHELL, MOBIL,

TEXACO AND FINA, BECAUSE GROUP HAD TOLD GOZ TO EXPECT 20 PERCENT REDUCTION IN PETROLEUM DELIVERIES. MOBUTU CLAIMS HE NEGOTIATED WITH ALGERIA AND LIBYA TO MEET ZAIRE'S NEEDS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND SOGARA REFINERY ALSO PROVIDES PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR CAMEROON, CHAD, AND CAR.

5. APPRECIATE ANY INFO ADDRESSEES ABLE PROVIDE THIS SUBJECT. RUSH

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